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SETTING UP OF SPORTS ACADEMIES
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes launched by the Government to find promising players among school children and to provide them opportunities for learning sports;

(b) whether the Central Government has decided to provide 51% of the fund for setting up Sports Academies under these schemes; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT)

(a) Sports is a State subject and promotion of the same at State level is the responsibility of the concerned State Govt. However, the Govt. of India, through its own Schemes and Schemes of Sports Authority of India (SAI), augments the efforts of the State Govt. in promotion of sports at Junior, Sub-Junior and Senior level.
At present, following schemes are being implemented to scout promising players among school children, to provide them opportunities for training and learning sports as well as to promote and develop sports in schools: -

1. National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC)
2. Army Boys Sports Company (ABSC)
3. Promotion of Sports and Games in Schools
4. Rural Sports Programme
5. Sports Scholarship Scheme
6. Assistance for purchase of sports equipment and development of playgrounds

(b) No, Sir.

(c) However, Central Government has introduced a new Scheme of State Sports Academy for implementation during the Tenth Five Year Plan period. The main objective of the Scheme is to select the best available talent in sports between the age group of 10-13 years, as well as, the top performers in State/National competitions in the age group of 10-18 years and to prepare and groom them over the years for winning medals for the country at the international level.

The Scheme is to be funded jointly by the Central Government, State Government/UT Administration and a Sponsor as a co-operative venture. The financial assistance to the Academy in respect of capital, non-recurring costs with an upper cap of Rs.8.30 crore will be shared between the Sponsor, the Central Government and the State Government in the ratio of 51:25:24. In addition, recurring cost upto Rs. 17 lakh per annum or 25% of actual expenditure, which ever is less, shall be payable for a period of three years by the Government of India. Some State Governments/UTs have indicated their desire for setting up of Sports Academy but no concrete proposal has been received from the Sponsor.